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FOR: TRIACYLGLYCEROL LIPASES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTAssistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Before examination of the above-referenced application,
please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, lines 3 and 4, replace the sentence with:

--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of International
Application No. PCT/US99/09280 filed April 29, 1999, now
pending, which claims priority benefit of U.S. Provisional
Application No. 60/083,688 filed April 30, 1998.

At page 5, lines 22-23, please delete "an "isolated
nucleic acid fragment" is a polymer of RNA or DNA that is
single- or double-stranded, optionally containing synthetic,
non-natural or altered nucleotide bases.", and insert in its
place --/the term "isolated polynucleotide refers to a
polynucleotide that is substantially free from other nucleic
acid sequences, such as other chromosomal and extrachromosomal
DNA and RNA that normally accompany or interact with the
isolated polynucleotide as found in its naturally occurring
environment.--.

At page 7, line 21, please replace "effecting" with
"affecting".

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-15 without prejudice or disclaimer.